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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 433
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Leonard Little for his many outstanding contributions to the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly honor those exemplary individuals who through intense dedication and hard work, have had a profound impact on their university and the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Little, middle linebacker for the University of Tennessee football team, is one such notable individual who is clearly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Little exemplifies the tremendous spirit and dedication that is characteristic of excellence in a Tennessee football player; and

WHEREAS, a native of Asheville, North Carolina, he began his illustrious college football career in 1994 and as a first-year player established himself as a relentless pass rusher at defensive end; and

WHEREAS, during his junior year, Leonard Little overcame a serious knee injury suffered in a game against South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Leonard's dedication to overcoming this serious obstacle enabled him to return to the Volunteers and he played an integral role in the Big Orange capturing the 1997 Southeastern Conference Championship, finishing 11-2 and having a high national ranking; and

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WHEREAS, widely respected and admired by fans, sports commentators, coaches and players throughout the Southeastern Conference, Leonard was named to the first team All-SEC, the All-SEC Defensive team and second team All-American; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Little displayed his versatility by switching to the middle linebacker position from defensive end, performing in these two capacities with rare excellence; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was equally as successful in the classroom as he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in only three years; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor this exemplary individual and congratulate him on his outstanding contributions to the University of Tennessee and to this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Leonard Little on his exceptional academic and athletic achievements at the University of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for what is certain to be a successful career in the National Football League.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.